(b) whether the widows have been representing to the concerned authorities time and again but without any results;

(c) if so, the details of cases pending with Rifle Factory, Ichapur and Ordnance Equipment Factory, Kanpur and in other Ordnance Factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir. However, there are unavoidable delays in settlement of some of the family pension cases due to disputes regarding claimant(s), Claimants not filling the pension documents in time etc.

(b) and (c) All representations received are promptly attended to for appropriate action. The details of cases pending are as follows:—

	Total No. of pension cases pending as on 30-4-1990	Cases under process for sanction	Cases which could not be processed due to claimants not coming forward, disputes etc.
RFI, Ichapur	24	14	10
OEF, Kanpur	7	5	2
Other Ordnance Factories . . .	297	174	123

Utility of Fly Ash in checking Environment Decay

1366. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fly ash is useful in checking environmental decay;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to encourage its use; and

(c) whether Government also propose to give any financial assistance to the users of fly ash for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Power have set up a Working group to determine the modalities for the utilization of fly ash.

(c) Excise exemption is available for manufacture of fly ash bricks containing more than 50 per cent fly ash.

दिल्ली की वायु में सीसे की उपस्थिति

1367. **श्री कपिल वर्मा :**
श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :
श्रीमती कैलाशपति :

क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण के निदेशक के एक वक्तव्य के अनुसार दिल्ली के कुछ सार्वजनिक स्थानों जैसे आश्रम, मूलचन्द, आजादपुर क्रासिंग पर वायु में प्रदूषकों की भारी मात्रा, विशेष रूप से सीसा पाया जाता है; यदि हां, तो इसके शरीर पर क्या-क्या प्रभाव पड़ते हैं

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि दिल्ली के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों की भूमि तेजी से लुप्त होती जा रही है; यदि हां, तो विगत 30 वर्षों के दौरान इसका प्रतिशत क्या रहा है; और

(ग) इसे रोकने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयास किए गए हैं?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मेनका गांधी) : (क) केन्द्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड द्वारा किए गए एक अध्ययन (जनवरी 1984–जून 1985) के अनुसार दिल्ली में यातायात की अधिकता वाले स्थानों पर परिवेशी वायु में सीसे का स्तर 0.185 माइक्रोग्राम प्रति घन मीटर से 0.324 माइक्रोग्राम प्रतिघन मीटर पाया गया। यह मात्रा परिवेशी वायु में सीसे की 1.4 माइक्रोग्राम प्रति घन मीटर की सामान्य रूप से स्वीकार्य मात्रा की सीमा से काफी कम है। सीसा स्नायु-तंत्र के लिए जहर का काम करता है और इससे तंत्रिका-तंत्र को नुकसान पहुंचता है जो बच्चों में बहुत अधिक पाया जाता है।

(ख) और (ग) दिल्ली में ग्रामीण क्षेत्र 1951 में 86.47 प्रतिशत था जो 1981 में घटकर 60.09 प्रतिशत रह गया।

जनसंख्या की वृद्धि के उच्चस्तर को देखते हुए तेजी से हो रहे शहरीकरण को पूर्णत. रोक पाना सम्भव नहीं है। तथापि सरकार राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र योजना के जरिए विकास का प्रसार करके दिल्ली के शहरीकरण को प्रतिबंधित करने के प्रयास कर रही है।

Alleged Corruption in the Canteen Stores Department

1368. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Canteen Stores Department Employees Union had urged the Prime Minister in February this year to appoint a High Power Committee to enquire into alleged corruption in the Canteen Stores Department;

(b) if so, what were their precise allegations; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (c) The General Secretary of the Canteen Department Employees' Union in a letter dated 17-1-1990 addressed to the Hon'ble Defence Minister of India (PM) has alleged the following:—

(i) a good portion of the high valued items purchased by the Canteen Stores Department which has been exemdtep from Sales Tax, Octroi, etc. is flowing into the civil market, resulting in loss of revenue to the State Governments. to curb this malpractice, high-value items sold through CSD should be marked "For Defence Forces only" and

(ii) it is not known as to what action has been taken on certain files taken over by the C.B.I. in 1989 relating to irregularities in the procurement policy adopted by the former General Manager of the CSD.

Considering the seriousness of the irregularities he has suggested that a High Power Committee be constituted to enquire into the functioning of the CSD.

The CSD had earlier considered the feasibility of the suggestion at (i) above in consultation with the suppliers, it had been found that it would not be practicable to give general applicability to such a practice.

As far as the allegations of irregularities in procurement and of corruption are concerned, the matter had already been referred to the CBI for an inquiry. After preliminary inquiry an FIR has been registered in respect of certain transactions. Besides the above, a Special Audit has also been undertaken in respect of several transactions and procedures relating thereto.

In view of the foregoing facts the need for any other High Power Committee going into these issues has not been felt so far.